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FOLLOWING REPEAT STATE 161151 ACTION BANGKOK CANBERRA COLOMBO
ISLAMABAD KUALA LUMPUR LONDON NAIROBI NEW DELHI PARIS
PORT LOUIS SINGAPORE TEHRAN WELLINGTON USCINCEUR CINCLANT
CINCPAC INFO ABU DHABI ADDIS ABABA BEIRUT BLANTYRE CAIRO
CAPE TOWN DACCA DAR ES SALAAM DOHA THE HAGUE HONG KONG JAKARTA
JIDDA KABUL KARACHI KATHMANDU KHARTOUM KUWAIT LISBON
LOURENCO MARQUES LUSAKA MANAMA MANILA MOGADISCIO MOSCOW MUSCAT
NATO PEKING PRETORIA RANGOON SANA TANANARIVE TEL AVIV TOKYO
USUN NEW YORK CINCPACFLT CINCUSNAVEUR COMIDEASTFOR COMSEVENTHFLT
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DATED 9 JUL 75

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JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

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SUBJECT: INDIAN OCEAN DEPLOYMENT

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MILITARY ADDEES ALSO FOR POLAD

1. THE GUIDED MISSILE CRUISER USS REEVES -- ACCOMPANIED BY TWO FRIGATES AND AN OILER -- WILL BE OPERATING IN THE INDIAN OCEAN FOR ABOUT FIFTY DAYS. TRANSIT OF MALACCA STRAIT IS PLANNED FOR ABOUT JULY 17. PORT VISITS ARE CONTEMPLATED FOR SELECTED SHIPS OF TASK GROUP AT SINGAPORE, PENANG, PORT LOUIS, PORT VICTORIA, MOMBASA, KARACHI, AND COLOMBO. THERE IS TO BE NO OFFICIAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS DEPLOYMENT PRIOR TO MALACCA STRAIT TRANSIT. NO PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT IS PLANNED. FOLLOWING MALACCA STRAIT TRANSIT, GUIDANCE CONTAINED IN PARAS THREE AND FOUR BELOW SHOULD BE USED.

2. IF DEEMED NECESSARY, EMBASSY ACTION ADDEES MAY INFORM HOST GOVERNMENTS IN ADVANCE OF DEPLOYMENT ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS.

3. INFO ADDEES SHOULD NOT VOLUNTEER THIS INFORMATION, BUT

IF ASKED MAY DRAW IN LOW-KEY MANNER ON FOLLOWING PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE (DEVELOPED JOINTLY WITH DOD) ONCE MALACCA STRAIT TRANSIT ACCOMPLISHED:

QUOTE: A FOUR-SHIP TASK GROUP OF THE PACIFIC FLEET IS CURRENTLY IN THE INDIAN OCEAN. THE GROUP, UNDER THE COMMAND OF COMMANDER DESTROYER SQUADRON TWENTY-THREE, CAPTAIN DONALD P. ROANE, CONSISTS OF THE GUIDED MISSILE CRUISER USS REEVES, THE FRIGATES BADGER AND HAROLD E. HOLT AND THE MILITARY SEALIFT COMMAND OILER USNS MISPILLION. THE SHIPS COMMANDING OFFICERS ARE: REEVES, CAPT. J.A. DICKMAN; BADGER, LCDR G.P. KESLER; HAROLD E. HOLT, CDR. R.A. PETERSON; MISPILLION, MASTER AUGUSTA HORN JR. UNQUOTE.

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4. WE INTEND TO USE PARA THREE GUIDANCE ON IF-ASKED BASIS HERE, AND YOU SHOULD DO LIKEWISE. IF QUERIED FURTHER, YOU MAY RESPOND THAT THIS ROUTINE DEPLOYMENT IS IN KEEPING WITH OUR POLICY OF NORMAL ACTIVITIES IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS AND WITH OUR EXPRESSED INTENTION TO OPERATE SHIPS PERIODICALLY IN THE INDIAN OCEAN AREA. YOU MAY ALSO POINT OUT THAT ONLY US NAVAL PRESENCE IN INDIAN OCEAN HAS BEEN MIDEASTFORCE SINCE DEPARTURE

OF ENTERPRISE CARRIER TASK GROKP LAST FEBRUARY. AS
YOU KNOW, SPECULATION RE FUTURE OPERATIONS BEYOND
FOREGOING GENERAL GUIDANCE WILL BE ANSWERED WITH
COMMENT THAT "WE DO NOT DISCUSS FUTURE OPERATIONAL
MOVEMENTS."

5. FOR JAKARTA, INGAPORE, AND KUALA LUMPUR: POLICY
RE STRAITS TRANSIT REMAINS AS EXPRESSED IN STATE 222096
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